

Why is the Pharmacy Staff Asking for **Identification** When Dispensing Certain Prescriptions?



Beginning January 1, 2011, Massachusetts law requires pharmacists to ask customers to show government-issued identification when dispensing a new prescription for controlled medications (such as many medications for pain, anxiety, sleep disorders and hyperactivity, among other conditions).

Requiring ID:

- * *Promotes* safe dispensing of controlled medications
- * *Ensures* that medications reach the intended person
- * *Protects* communities from unsafe activities

To save time, please have one of the following approved IDs ready when you drop-off or pick-up prescriptions for yourself or others:

- * Driver's License
- * Passport
- * MA Registry of Motor Vehicles Identification
- * Permanent Resident Card ("Green Card")
- * Military ID Card
- * MA Commission for the Blind Card

If you don't have one of the above IDs or don't know if your medication is covered, please speak with the pharmacist.



Thank You for Your Cooperation.

For additional information on the ID requirement, please contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Drug Control Program at 617-983-6700 or visit the Program's website at www.mass.gov/dph/dcp.